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PRESIDENT: Mr. Clerk, he is asking for an amendment.

SENATOR WARNER: I notice that there is similar language on page one of the committee amendment section 4 subsection three. Can you find it. I need an amendment to the legislative bill or resolution. It would seem to me that it would be almost impossible for someone to make an accurate record of that. Certainly if they have an interest in any portion of the bill, reporting that is appropriate. But, I don't believe that you can expect someone to identify amendment by amendment.

PRESIDENT: Further discussion on the amendment? Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature you did kill the bill, but you may not receive sufficient credit for it. Now Senator Warner not only wishes to kill the bill but to mangle and mutilate it. What do you want to tell the public Senator Warner about what goes on in the Legislature? You don't want to tell them that the people are paid to come in here as lobbyists Senator Savage wants to tell us that there are all kinds of people throughout the state of Nebraska who want to talk to their Senators and those are the dirty lobbyists but those people don't buy us any meals, they don't buy us any drinks, they don't keep us company in the evening. But they bother us. They write us letters and they make phone calls and they try and give us their opinion on the issues. Those are the real lobbyists. Not the people standing out in the back of the hall back here, who are paid by people to come here and keep us company. Make friends with us and influence our judgment on the issues that affect their particular interest. But, we don't want the public to know about that. We don't want the public to know about that particular activity that goes on here. We don't want the public to know how much they are paid or what issues they intend to influence us on. That would be damaging to the public interest and it would probably be much more damaging to our friendship with the lobbyists. That is what it is all about here and I don't care what you do with the rest of the bill. You have killed it proceed Senator Warner to mangle it and mutilate it in any fashion that you desire but you do not do great injury to me personally but you do great injury to the public at large. You destroy their ability to deal and cope with and understand the process that governs their lives. So do what you will with the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Cavanaugh I don't believe that I used that adjective in connection with those people that come down here did I?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Savage you used the adjective that they are lobbyists and they are not lobbyists the definition, and you should know the definition, your chairman of Committee on Committees, the definition of a lobbyist is a person for hire, a person representing someone else.